

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A drilling fluid additive system comprising:
a drilling fluid additive comprising talc, graphite, ~~uintaite~~ copolymer beads and at least one carrier, said carrier is selected from a group consisting of oils, esters, glycols, cellulose, olefins and mixtures thereof; and hydrophilic clay, a pH controller, a fluid loss controller, and at least one dispersant.
2. (previously presented) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 1 wherein said drilling fluid additive further comprises uintaite.
3. (original) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 1 wherein said carrier comprises polypropylene glycol.
4. (canceled)
5. (currently amended) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 1 ~~2~~ wherein said talc comprises from about 1% to about 20% of said additive, said graphite comprises from about 1% to about 30% of said additive, said carrier comprises from about 50% to about 90% of said additive and said uintaite comprises from about 1% to about 40% of said additive.
6. (original) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 1 wherein said carrier is selected from a group consisting of polypropylene glycol, polyethoxylated glycol, polybutylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, propylene glycol, polyester polyol-poly(oxyethylene-oxy) propylene glycol, polyoxyalkylene glycol ethers and mixtures thereof.
7. (currently amended) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 1 ~~2~~ wherein said uintaite is treated with a second carrier; said second carrier consists essentially of oils, esters, glycols, cellulose, olefins and mixtures thereof.

8. (previously amended) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 1 further comprises a weighting agent, said weighting agent is selected from a group consisting of barium sulfate, calcium carbonate, hematite, and salts.
9. (original) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 1 wherein said pH controller is selected from a group consisting of caustic soda, potassium hydroxide, lime and sodium hydroxide.
10. (previously amended) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 1 wherein said fluid loss controller is selected from a group consisting of lignites, polyacrylamide and graphite uintaite glycol dispersions.
11. (original) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 1 wherein said hydrophilic clay is selected from a group consisting of bentonite and kaolin clay.
12. (original) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 1 wherein said dispersant is selected from a group consisting of lignite, lignosulfonate and tannin.
13. (original) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 1 further comprises a chemical inhibitor, said chemical inhibitor is selected from a group consisting of gypsum, lime, potassium chloride, potassium hydroxide, magnesium sulfate and calcium sulfate.
14. (canceled)
15. (currently amended) A drilling fluid additive system manufactured by a method comprising: admixing talc, graphite, ~~uintaite~~ copolymer beads and at least one carrier to form a drilling fluid additive mixture, said carrier is selected from a group consisting of oils, esters, glycols, cellulose, olefins and mixtures thereof; and further admixing hydrophilic clay, a pH controller, a fluid loss controller, and at least one dispersant to said drilling fluid additive mixture.

16. (original) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 15 wherein said carrier is first admixed with said talc and then the graphite is admixed to form said drilling fluid additive mixture.

17. (previously presented) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 15 further comprises admixing an uintaite with said drilling fluid additive mixture.

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim ~~15~~ 17 wherein said uintaite is pre-treated with a second carrier prior to said uintaite being admixed to said drilling fluid additive mixture.

20. (currently amended) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim ~~15~~ 17 wherein said talc comprises from about 1% to about 20% of said additive, said graphite comprises from about 1% to about 30% of said additive, said carrier comprises from about 50% to about 90% of said additive and said uintaite comprises from about 1% to about 40% of said additive.

21. (previously amended) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 19 wherein said second carrier is selected from a group consisting of oils, esters, glycols, cellulose, olefins, ethoxylated surfactants and mixtures thereof.

22. (previously amended) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 15 further comprises admixing a weighting agent, said weighting agent is selected from a group consisting of barium sulfate, calcium carbonate, hematite, and salts.

23. (original) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 15 further comprises admixing a chemical inhibitor, said chemical inhibitor is selected from a group consisting of gypsum, lime, potassium chloride, potassium hydroxide, magnesium sulfate and calcium sulfate.

24. (original) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 15 wherein said pH controller is selected from a group consisting of caustic soda, potassium hydroxide, lime and sodium hydroxide.

25. (previously amended) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 15 wherein said fluid loss controller is selected from a group consisting of lignites, polyacrylamide and graphite uintaite glycol dispersions.

26. (original) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 15 wherein said hydrophilic clay is selected from a group consisting of bentonite and kaolin clay.

27. (original) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 15 wherein said dispersant is selected from a group consisting of lignite, lignosulfonate and tannin.

28. (canceled)

29. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing a drilling fluid additive system, said method comprising:

admixing talc with at least one carrier, said carrier is selected from a group consisting of oils, esters, glycols, cellulose, olefins and mixtures thereof;

admixing graphite and uintaite copolymer beads to the talc/carrier mixture to thereby form a drilling fluid additive mixture; and

further admixing hydrophilic clay, a pH controller, a fluid loss controller, and at least one dispersant to said drilling fluid additive mixture.

30. (previously presented) The method of Claim 29 further comprising admixing an uintaite with said drilling fluid additive mixture.

31. (currently amended) The method of Claim 29 30 wherein said uintaite is pretreated with a second carrier prior to admixing said uintaite to said drilling fluid additive mixture.

32. (currently amended) The method of Claim 29 31 wherein said second carrier is selected from a group consisting of oils, esters, glycols, cellulose, olefins and mixtures thereof.
33. (previously amended) The method of Claim 29 further comprises admixing a weighting agent, said weighting agent is selected from a group consisting of barium sulfate, calcium carbonate, hematite, and salts.
34. (original) The method of Claim 29 further comprises admixing a chemical inhibitor, said chemical inhibitor is selected from a group consisting of gypsum, lime, potassium chloride, potassium hydroxide, magnesium sulfate and calcium sulfate.
36. (original) The method of Claim 29 wherein said pH controller is selected from a group consisting of caustic acid, potassium hydroxide, lime and sodium hydroxide.
37. (previously amended) The method of Claim 29 wherein said fluid loss controller is selected from a group consisting of lignites, polyacrylamide and graphite uintaite glycol dispersions.
38. (original) The method of Claim 29 wherein said hydrophilic clay is selected from a group consisting of bentonite and kaolin clay.
39. (original) The method of Claim 29 wherein said dispersant is selected from a group consisting of lignite, lignosulfonate and tannin.
40. (canceled)